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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136**

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office action dated January 21, 2004 for one month from April 21, 2004 to May 21, 2004. Please charge the deposit account number 13-3860 of applicant's agent of record, in the amount of US\$ 55,00 (fee code 2251) to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

**AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2004.  
Please amend the above-identified application as follows: